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Hongkong, 10th October, 1896.

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Hongkong, 10th April, 1897.

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Hongkong, 1st August, 1895.

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GENERAL NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 2nd January, 1897.

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THE UNDERSIGNED AGENTS OF THE ABOVE

COMPANY ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT FIRST

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Hongkong, 28th May, 1895.

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NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
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Marine Risks at Current Rates on Goods,

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CHAU TSEUNG FAT,

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HEAD OFFICE,

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Hongkong, 26th May, 1894.

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Intimations.

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE NO. 6 OF 1875,

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Manager, Hongkong.

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CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,

AUSTRALIA AND CHINA,

T. H. WHITEHEAD,

Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 10th October, 1896.

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Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(continued)

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL TRADES

LONDON *Saostra* J. Price, R.M.R. About 27th May Freight daily.

JAPAN, &c. *Formosa* R. A. Peters (about 27th May) Freight or Passage.

Straits and BOMBAY *Peshawar* F. W. Vibert, R.M.R. About 29th May Freight or Passage.

SHANGHAI *Rosetta* F. N. Tizard About 30th May Freight or Passage.

LONDON &c. *Rohilla* F. Cole (about 30th June) Freight or Passage.

JAPAN *Anoma* W. D. Madie (about 4th July) Freight or Passage.

LONDON *Sunda* S. G. D. Andrews About 10th June Freight or Passage.

For further particulars, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent, Hongkong, 14th May, 1897.

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent,

Hongkong, 14th May, 1897.

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Intimations.

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL
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The "VICTOR" METALLIC PACKING has been adopted by the Lords of the Admiralty

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Today's Advertisements.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THE Ven. Archdeacon WOLFE will give an Address on MISSION WORK IN FOOCHOW in St. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, TOMORROW (SUNDAY), the 23rd instant, at 11 A.M.
Hongkong, 22nd May, 1897. [1847]

ZETTLAND LODGE,

No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on TUESDAY, the 1st June, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 22nd May, 1897. [1849]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR SHANGHAI, VIA AMOY.
THE Company's Steamship

"HECTOR"

Captain Barr, will be despatched as above TOMORROW, the 23rd instant, at Daylight. For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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Hongkong, 22nd May, 1897. [1846]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
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FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

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Captain Innes, will be despatched TOMORROW, the 23rd instant, at 4 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

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Hongkong, 22nd May, 1897. [1846]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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C. de La Perrière, Commander, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 24th instant, at Noon. For Freight, apply to

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Hongkong, 22nd May, 1897. [1841]

"RICKMERS" REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR BREMEN AND HAMBURG.

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"LAU THEA RICKMERS,"

Captain Müller, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 10th June. For Freight, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd May, 1897. [1848]

NOW READY!

COMMERCIAL AND STATISTICAL PAPER.

No. 1—APRIL, 1897.

Being reports of meetings of Companies and Corporations for periods ending 31st December, 1896.

This pamphlet published for the convenience of the Commercial Community and is for sale, PRICE \$1 PER COPY.

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"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH,"
No. 6 Pedder's Hill.
Hongkong, 7th May, 1897. [1861]

Intimations.

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [1870]

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Whilst the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the free discussion by correspondents of all questions and topics of interest, it must be clearly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

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Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in this paper, in addition to the name of the firm, not less than two months in advance of the date of publication.

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PURE AERATED WATER,
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No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such Bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 13th April, 1897.

BIRTHS.

On 20th April, at Charlton, Rectory-place, Woolwich, wife of CHARLES T. W. H. M.R.C.S. (Eng.) District Medical Officer, Colonial Medical Service, F.H., of a daughter.

April 19th, at 9, St. George's place, S.W., wife of FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON, of a daughter.

On the 12th instant, at "Bon Accord," Fenchurch, the wife of REGINALD A. LAW, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

April 20th, at St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, WILLIAM KIRK DICKSON, Advocate, Edinburgh, elder son of the late William Dickson, of Mauritius, Middlethorpe, to KATHLEEN, elder daughter of Major-General Sir Robert Murdoch Smith, K.C.M.G., late Royal Engineers.

April 20th, at St. Luke's Kensington, JOHN LEIGH SMETHAM HATTON, M.A., eldest son of the late Rev. John Smetham Hatton, rector of Wraysbury, Lincolnshire, to PAULINE CARLYLE, only daughter of R. J. Henderson, of Croydon.

DEATH.

On Easter Sunday, at Sydenham, N. S. W., after a long and painful illness, MARY, youngest sister of J. S. Northcote, Hongkong; aged 24 years.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE EASTERN CRISIS.

TURKEY AND THE POWERS.

London, 13th April, 1897.

THE Porte is willing to negotiate regarding its demands for the cession of Thessaly and the war indemnity, but insists absolutely on the abolition of all terms of capitulation from the

THE FIGHTING AT DOMOKOS.

The Greeks defended Domokos with splendid

valour and the Turkish front attack was repulsed with great slaughter. After many hours' fighting, the Greeks, upon being outflanked, retreated at night.

PEACE PROSPECTS.

It is believed in Constantinople that a definitive

treaty will be made, and that the place

submitted for a conference will be Paris.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Times* writes that a captive balloon is being employed at Toulon for a singular purpose. Divers having failed to discover the torpedo which caused the recent accident to the *Yardiguterry*, the bed of the sea is being lighted up from a balloon attached to a tug, in the hope that the torpedo will be detected.A CORRESPONDENT of the *Times* writes that a

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A CORRESPONDENT has come to hand containing

Australian press notices of Miss Florence Seymour, the "leading lady" of the Brough Comedy Company, which is about to visit Hongkong.

The critics unite in speaking in the highest

praise of Miss Seymour's acting, particularly in

such pieces as "A Woman of no Importance,"

"Jim, the Penman," "A Woman's Reason,"

"A Gaily Girl" and "A White Elephant."

A few years ago Miss Seymour toured China,

Japan and India with a strong opera company,

but subsequently she forsakes the lyric stage and

has achieved great success in the drama.

ARCHDEACON WOLFE will deliver an address on

"Mission work in Foochow" at St. Stephen's Church to-morrow at 11 a.m.

HUDSON'S SURPRISE Party left yesterday by the

Omni Mors for Australasia, after doing record

business in Hongkong and Shanghai;

Dr. YEEHAN, writing from Bombay on 4th April, reports 70 per cent. of cure with his serum and says he will probably return to China at an early

date.

Mr. ERICH GEORG reports that "it is generally

understood that it will not be necessary to

reconstruct the Foreign Company, or to call for

fresh capital."

Had the *Manufacturer* called attention to the manner in which Hongkong is exhibiting to the Chinese the futility and uselessness of Western methods by the gross ignorance, incapability and wastefulness displayed by the Sanitary Authorities and by the Engineer in charge of the Praya Reclamation works we should not have been surprised in the least, and it really appears as though some cynical wag had contributed the paragraph in question to our American contemporary in order to have a "dig" at the Colony. At all events we can offer no better explanation of the "startler" than this.

Of the utility of a Technical Museum in Hongkong there can be no doubt, and were such an institution established we believe that good might result therefrom were the better class of Chinese induced to take an interest in the models and other objects exhibited. Such a museum, however, would, we fear, be too much to hope for in the present state of public opinion in the Colony as exhibited by the utter lack of interest shown in the Museum in the City Hall. When the public will allow a collection to remain badly labeled, badly displayed and badly cared for there can be little hope of their troubling themselves about the formation of a far superior and more useful institution. "You must walk before you run," says the old proverb, and so far, the interest in things scientific in Hongkong, except where they lend themselves to some popular amusement, may be said to have barely reached even the crawling stage.

In all pertaining to sport and amusement Hongkong can hold her own with other British possessions, but in the matter of literary and scientific societies she is far behind the times. In all the Australian Colonies not only are useful and well managed museums to be found but debating, literary and scientific societies exist, and those who wish for some further insight into scientific and philosophical subjects have the opportunity of attending lectures delivered by first-class scholars. Nothing of the kind exists in Hongkong. True, the Odd Volumes Society is supposed to be a semi-scientific institution, but it drags along slowly and the lectures given under its auspices seldom draw an attendance of over fifty. Money and sport appear to be the sole aim of the great majority of Hongkongites, and while such is the case we can never hope for museums or flourishing training institutions, either technical or otherwise.

"MADAME SANS-GÈNE" Mr. Comyns Carr's adaptation of *Sardou* and *Moresco's* celebrated play, was produced at the Lyceum Theatre on 10th April and received with enthusiasm by a large and distinguished audience. Miss Terry in the title rôle, and Sir Henry Irving as Napoleon I were very successful.

The Fairfield Shipbuilding Company launched on 18th April the torpedo-boat destroyer *Osprey*, which they have built for the British Government. The *Osprey* is the second of three similar vessels building at Fairfield. They are expected to attain a speed of 30 knots per hour.

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The Band of the West York Regiment will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, to-morrow, commencing at 8 o'clock:—

Grand March "Don Carlos" Verdi.
Serenade "Birthday" Wagner.
Song "Marie" Gounod.
Fantasia "Souvenir de l'Opéra" W. G. Bentley.

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1897.

THERE has lately been unearthed from one of the lumber-rooms of Windsor Castle a beautiful specimen of a sedan chair of Queen Henrietta Maria's, which, it is thought, might fitly serve for the use of the Queen on the historic occasion of the ceremony at St. Paul's. A suggestion is being made, by the way, that a sedan chair would be a suitable present for the Pope to make to the Queen in connection with Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

On inquiry at the Admiralty regarding the reasons for the presence of a British Squadron of eight warships in Delagoa Bay, Reuter's representative was informed that Rear-Admiral Rawson's ships were "merely carrying out the ordinary duties of the station." With respect to the future movements of the squadron, it was declared that, "inasmuch as these were left to the discretion of the Admiral, it was impossible to say what the next destination of the war vessels might be."

The Chinese Minister in Berlin on the 22nd April telegraphed instructions for the removal, at the expense of his Government, of the remains of the Tatar General Theodor Schnell from Wuchang, where he died in January, to Tienhsin, to be buried there beside his first wife, as he had expressed a wish to that effect. Theodor Schnell was an ex-German officer, who served China well during twenty-eight years, and particularly distinguished himself in the defense of Wei-hai-wei. An eminent English naval authority said that if Schnell's advice had been taken by the Chinese, the Japanese would not have captured that place.

A KRUGER SIEGE.
[THE High Court at Pretoria has found that the suppression of the Johannesburg Star was illegal. . . . The paper is now appearing]

Twinkle, twinkle, little Star,
Though "suppressed," still here you are,
Licensed by the Court so High
Gagging orders to defy.

Now my power to squelch is gone,
Now I'm fairly set upon;
You, alas! can still throw light
On the wrong I don't set right.

Then if Britons in the dark
Watch your inconvenient spark,
You in my game may help to mar—
So confound you, little Star!

—TAS World.

H.M.S. *Torch*, the latest addition to the Australian squadron, arrived at Sydney on the 24th ult. On the Tuesday night preceding Good Friday, whilst the ship was in the vicinity of the Barrier Reef, it began to blow a stiff gale, and at 2.30 a.m. on Good Friday all hands were called on deck, as the vessel was drifting close to the reef. Fortunately, however, the danger was avoided. On the 18th ult., the *Torch* was signalled by a ship in light trim, which asked for medical assistance, off Palm Island, and Surgeon Upton was dispatched to render aid. On the following day a shipwright, Robert Thompson, was washed overboard by a heavy sea, and though the lifeboat was lowered and every endeavour made to save him, it was without avail as he was not afterwards seen. The following are the officers on H.M.S. *Torch*:—Commander, Henry Freydy; first Lieutenant, J. R. Le Font Ward; Lieutenant, Williams; navigating Lieutenant, Henry E. Heathcote; gunner, Johnson; surgeon, Charles Upton; staff paymaster, H. Dymot; engineer, Alfred E. Shaw; assistant paymaster, A. Weston.

The fourth annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Bank of India Ltd., was held at Winchester House, E.C., on the 21st April, Sir Alexander Wilson presiding. The general Balance Sheet and statement of Profit and Loss Account for the year ending 31st December, 1896, showed net profits for that period, after providing for bad and doubtful debts and including £8,047 3s. 1d. brought forward from last account, amount to £1,183 6s. 1d.

Out of this sum there has already been paid £4,687 10s. od., being an interim dividend for the half-year ending 30th June at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the "A" shares of the Bank. The Directors recommended a dividend on the "A" shares at the same rate for the second half of the year and on the "B" shares of 3 per cent. for the year. This will absorb a further sum of £15,037 10s. and will leave a balance of £10,563 6s. 1d. to be carried forward. The Directors further stated that the liquidation of the unrealized Assets Account which appeared in former statements has progressed so satisfactorily that they have closed it, and placed the surplus of £10,000 to a Reserve Fund. At the meeting the Chairman moved, Mr. F. W. Lunau seconded, and it was unanimously carried, "That the report of the directors, with the audited statement of accounts and balance-sheet to the 31st December last, presented to this meeting, be and the same are hereby received, approved, and adopted, and that a dividend on the "A" shares of the bank at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum for the six months ending 31st December, 1896, and on the "B" shares at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum for the year ending December 31st, 1896, as recommended in the report, be and the same is hereby declared." A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, directors, officials, and staff was proposed by Dr. Bissell. Bissell, seconded by Mr. Cogar, and unanimously accorded, and the proceedings then closed.

A. S. WATSON AND CO., LTD.

The 12th annual ordinary general meeting of the above company was held at the board room of the Dispensary, Queen's Road Central, at noon to-day. Mr. Hart Buck presided and there were also present Messrs. E. W. Terrey, J. S. Hayes, R. Mitchell, E. K. Chandler, and A. H. Mansell (Secretary).

The Chairman said, "Gentlemen, with your permission I will follow the usual custom and consider the report and statement of accounts at hand. The general manager is at present in London but he has been notified of the proposed distribution of profits and has expressed his approval of the same and satisfaction with the balance sheet generally. As mentioned in the report, we have experienced a reduction of our profits in the Philippine Islands for the year under review. This, however, is not likely to recur. In 1897 as our manager at Manila advises us that since February last the business in his charge has materially improved and the returns in some important departments are larger than he has been able to previously record. There is little further for me to add, but, I think, gentlemen, that the continued payment of ten per cent. dividend and the carrying forward to 1897 of an amount of £4,000 in excess of the amount carried forward to 1896 account, certainly proves your Company to be in a sound condition; and I am pleased to say its present position and prospects are most satisfactory. (Applause). I shall be glad to answer any questions in reference to the report and statement of accounts now before you."

There being no questions, the Chairman moved the adoption of the report and statement of accounts. Mr. Mitchell seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Terrey, Mr. F. Maitland was re-elected auditor.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants would be issued on Tuesday morning,

NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.

LONDON, April 23rd.

The new Chinese Minister, Sir Lo Fen Lub, paid his first ministerial visit to the Foreign Office to-day.

Baron von Gutschmid, the German Minister in Japan, has reached England on his way home.

The Manchester Corporation have set apart £1,000 for the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee.

The Ayer Kathai Siam Gold Concessions (Limited) has registered with a capital of £10,000 in 1/4 shares.

Yesterday the German Emperor attended the review of the Vienna garrison in company with the Emperor Francis Joseph. The *Daily News*' correspondent telegraphs that it is stated in well-informed circles that the object of the Kaiser's visit is to effect a union between Austria and Russia, and thus to restore the alliance of the Three Emperors.

Her Majesty with a great reception of the nature of a Court on June 23rd at Buckingham Palace, at which the Royal and Princely guests will be received, as well as the Colonial statesmen.

His Excellency King Ta-jan, the retiring Chinese Minister, intends leaving London on 26th inst., and will embark at Southampton on the North German Lloyd steamer *Prussia* for China.

The marriage of Commander Wells, R.N., the chief officer of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, Miss Ida, 1/4, of Mortlake, was celebrated on 20th Inst. at the Church of the Annunciation, Bryanston-street.

The Imperial German Minister, resident at Berlin, Herr Kempfmann, has arrived at Berlin, and will return to Bangkok in the middle of June. He will return to the Far East, it is hoped, fully recovered from the bad effect of the tropical climate in Siam.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint William John Archer, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul for the Consular District of Bangkok, and Walter Ralph Durie Beckett, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul for the Consular District of Chengtow.

An engagement has been reported from Berlin of Prince Ernest Guehler of Schleswig-Holstein, a near relative of the German Empress, with Princess Dorothea of Coburg, daughter of Prince Philip of Coburg and Princess Louise of Bologna.

The steamer *Chertow*, chartered by the French Minister of the Colonies, has arrived at Toulon, where she is embarking 2,000 tons of artillery and other stores destined for Cape St. James, which commands the entrance to the Saigon river.

According to estimates the Japanese balances at the Bank are probably still over rather than under £5,000,000, to which nearly £1,000,000 has been added on 8th prox., and further shipments of the yellow metal to Japan are generally expected. The *Formosa* last week took £445,000 in bar gold for Kobe.

Japan bought all the bar gold that came by the last South African boat. The price of bars is now 72s. 11d. per oz.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Tobacco Company of British North Borneo (Limited) was held on 21st Inst., presided over by Mr. Doughty, at which the resolutions passed at the extraordinary meeting held on 30th ult. extending the confidence of Mr. Reeves' duties as manager for a further period of twelve months were confirmed.

Mr. W. Paterson seconded the adoption of the report, which was agreed to.

The resolution authorising the dividend at the rate of 9 per cent. for the half-year was passed.

The retiring directors, Sir Henry Stewart Cunningham and Sir James Lyle Mackay, were re-elected, and Mr. Maurice Gildstoepe and Mr. Magnus Mowat appointed auditors.

A cordial vote of thanks to the Directors and the staff both at home and abroad brought the meeting to a close.

field Shipbuilding Company, of Glasgow, and the *Dado* and *Tis* by the London and Glasgow Engineering and Shipbuilding Company. They have each a displacement of 5,600 tons, and although ranking as second-class cruisers, their displacement is exactly the same as that of the first-class cruisers of the *Galatea* type.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

The forty-third ordinary general meeting of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, London, on 21st April. Mr. John Howard Gwyther presiding.

In moving the adoption of the report the Chairman said:—

Many of his friends had charged him with undue pessimism in the remarks which he had made at the half-yearly meeting in October last, and he was afraid that they would be inclined to repeat that assertion, because he could not express optimistic views when a war was raging in the Levant, a famine and pestilence in Asia, and hostile tariffs in America. The Japanese had recently declared for a gold standard, and that action would certainly not tend to enhance the value of silver. The probability of a falling exchange in China would render it very difficult for Lancashire to export increasingly and profitably to that country. Furthermore, the Chinese Government, which had now a considerable gold debt, would find the burden thereof more onerous, and the margin of unappropriated Customs revenue narrower and narrower. The shareholders had doubtless followed with painful interest the weekly reports of the famine and plague in India, and it must be borne in mind that the same causes which hindered a sufficient harvest of cereals had also a prejudicial effect upon the yield of other crops which were exported to foreign countries, so that the cultivators had to face a two-fold evil—no local food, and no money to purchase it elsewhere.

The result in former days, before the period of British rule, would have meant the death of millions, and he considered that they might justly point with national pride to the wise and untried labours of the Indian authorities in their successful efforts to feed the starving multitudes. Anticipating the cordial approval of the shareholders, they had subscribed £500 towards the Lord Mayor's Fund for the relief of the sufferers. (Hear, hear.) Business at Bombay had been well-nigh at a standstill owing to the plague, and he thought their thanks were due to the European staff of the bank at that port for the plucky manner in which they had stuck to their posts despite their harrowing surroundings. In Calcutta they had had to face a most stringent money market. He was glad to be able to report, however, that the customers of the bank had found them liberal lenders in the difficult times they had had to pass through. Competition had been increasingly severe, and trade had shrunk, but largely owing to immunity from bad debts the Board were able to recommend the usual dividend, with a substantial addition to the reserve fund. The customers of the bank were contented and loyal, but the Board fully recognised that they must keep a vigilant watch over the connections of the undertaking, and lessen their profits rather than allow their business to pass into the hands of their newest competitors, some of whom, mainly established for financial purposes, had entered upon commercial fields, as their expectations otherwise had proved illusory.

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BISLEY AND THE DIAMOND JUBILEE.

The Council of the National Rifle Association have drawn up a list of the principal Competitions which will, subject to modification, be open to competitors from India and the Colonies at the Bisley Meeting, 1897, which will commence July 13th and terminate July 24th. The Council are anxious to extend a hearty welcome to Bisley by any representative of Her Majesty's Imperial and Colonial Forces who may be in England on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

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